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## PRESIDENT WARNS ARMY SLACKERS THEY CAN'T ESCAPE REGISTRATION

### N. Y. STATE WILL HOLD UP \$2,500,000 APPROPRIATION FOR ROCKAWAY FORT LAND

#### Attorney General Finds Most of Property to Have Been Purchased From Rockaway Pacific Corporation Actually Belongs to New York City

After continuous negotiations concerning Rockaway Point by the city, and after various attempts by real estate operators to secure control of this growing beach, to say nothing of the recent upheaval with patriotism as the subject, which resulted in a hearing on the Senate floor, in which Mayor Mitchell and Senator Wagner were the principal figures, the Attorney General's office now in its preliminary report sets forth the opinion that much of the property taken for the fort belongs to the City of New York.

That is to say, of the \$2,500,000 set aside by the State to pay for the fort site, very little will likely be paid to present claimants of title as compared with claims heretofore made. Besides there are good grounds for future determination that the State owns the territory to the end of the point west of the site.

It has further developed that the title has been so burdened with past lawsuits and questionable deeds that it would have been most difficult, if not impossible, for the Rockaway Pacific Corporation to have transferred the property with a full assurance of title.

Also that the matter will yet need be carried through the courts to definitely determine the numerous questions of title. An exhaustive search of title is being continued in the Attorney General's office by Title Examiner Henry H. Cameron under the direction of Deputy Attorneys General Anson Gelman and Alfred L. Becker.

As to this matter of ownership by the State, two questions are debatable: First—Whether the Rockaway Pacific Corporation, the city or the State owns the lands which are within the fort site but below high water mark. Second—Whether a considerable portion of the present point has not been formed by the accretion to the point of a bar or island, which formed in the sea, and which has continued notwithstanding its merging into the point, to be the property of the State of New York.

The Rockaway Pacific Corporation is in possession of the end of the point west of the fort, but the State is preparing to get up the claim that it is the true owner. The question as to the title below high water mark has an important bearing on the area and value of the premises, for the fall of the tides exposes many acres; in fact, nearly one-half of the land within the fort site; and at high tide the premises are cut up into irregular strips by coves or bays extending from Jamaica Bay. If these coves do not belong to the Rockaway Pacific Corporation, but to the city or the State, it is very damaging to the value of the uplands, which do belong to the Rockaway Pacific Company.

**DUST WHAT LANDS CITY CLAIMS RIGHTS TO.**

The city has no possible claim of title to the uplands, or to lands below high water mark on the ocean side, the claim of the city relates to lands between high and low water mark on the Jamaica Bay side of the fort. These lands are about one-half of the fort site, and the city will doubtless claim nearly one-half of the

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### 700,000 BRITONS IN U. S.; RECRUITING BUREAU OPEN HERE

Enlistments for American Army on Increase With New York in the Lead.

Active preparations for opening enrollment office in the old Stewart Building, No. 280 Broadway, adjoining the suite now occupied by Col. Walsh, in charge of recruiting for the United States Army, were begun this afternoon by Brig.-Gen. W. A. White of the British service and his staff.

They will be quartered on the third floor until the papers and placards have been fitted up their permanent quarters on the first floor. There are now in the United States, Gen. White told an Evening World reporter, an estimated unutilized British population of 700,000.

"Every British subject in this country, from eighteen to forty-five years of age, is eligible for enrollment," said a British officer, "but so far there is no compulsion for registration. That is why we have called our depot 'The British Recruiting Mission.'"

The British Mission will work with Col. Walsh and the other American registration authorities. The name of every man throughout the country who registers on June 5 and claims British birth will be given to Gen. White's staff, and the man will be urged personally and by circularization to "join."

Committees from the Atlantic to the Pacific are now being formed for this work. In many cases the members of these bodies will be of American birth, but working for the Allied cause.

The Marine Corps still leads the enrollment list for all branches of the service. Out of 30,000 men needed to bring it up to its added strength, 22,000 have been enrolled. New York City is up-to-date, ahead of any other district. Manhattan's toll the past month was 417, as against 380 in April. Cleveland comes next with 218 recruits, while Philadelphia is third with 193 men.

A persistent recruit who was accepted by Sergeant J. P. Beller for service in the Marines to-day, was William H. Holland, of No. 1420, Jessup Avenue, the Bronx. A year ago to-day Holland tried to enlist but was rejected because he was five pounds under the required weight of 127 lbs. By dint of physical culture exercises and careful living he managed to gain the required avoirdupois, however, and half a pound over, and has now been accepted.

The eight of the Marine Corps recruiting posters and bunting proved too much for the patriotic emotions of William Haugh of 227 East Thirty-third Street, when as motorman of a Twenty-third street cross-town car, he passed the registration depot. He hopped from his car and headed for Major Frank E. Evans' office. He was ordered into the doctor's quarters and was in the middle of his physical examination when a policeman burst into the place and demanded to know why traffic was being blocked by Haugh's deserted car. Haugh will come back to-night to complete his enlistment.

To correct a popular error in regard to registration Adj.-Gen. McCann of the army, has sent out the following: "Registration is no bar to enlistment. Men drafted for the army cannot be accepted for enlistment. Men of registration are accepted for enlistment prior to June 5, but not actually enlisted before that date may enlist."

Army enlistment figures for May show 3,110 men enrolled in the Metropolitan District, as against 2,391 for April. The district is expected to enroll 10,000 men.

**British Steamship Stranded on Chilean Coast.**  
VALPARAISO, Chile, June 1.—The 4,700-ton British steamship Australian Transport is stranded near Coronel, on the Chilean coast.

### THREE U. S. SHIPS SUNK BY U BOATS, CREWS ARE SAVED

Dirigo and Frances M., Which Sailed From New York, and Barbara Destroyed.

LONDON, June 1.—The Admiralty announces the sinking by submarines of three American sailing vessels—the Dirigo, Frances M. and the Barbara. All the members of the crews except one have been safely landed. John Ray, first mate of the Dirigo, was drowned as the small boats were being launched.

The Dirigo was attacked without warning at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 31. The weather was fine, although hazy. The men were rescued before 9 o'clock. Joseph G. Stephens, American Consul at Plymouth, is caring for the survivors.

Capt. Urganhart of the Dirigo was asleep in the chart room when the attack was made. He rushed for the deck to find the mate giving orders to abandon the ship. One boat with eleven men was in the water as the Dirigo was still under way, and it was while he was attempting to reach the boat that Third Mate Ray fell overboard, drifted astern and was drowned.

The Dirigo was hit by the third shot fired from the submarine. Then the U boat commander ordered her alongside the submarine and an American boat was used to carry German sailors to the Dirigo, which was blown up by bombs after all her papers had been seized.

"Steer by the wind; the land is not far off," was the parting salutation of the submarine commander to the Dirigo's crew. The sailors were finally picked up by a fishing boat and taken to Plymouth.

The Frances M. was attacked by gunfire on the morning of May 13, according to the report from Cadiz given out to-day by the Admiralty. All the members of the crew are at Cadiz.

The Barbara was attacked by gunfire of a German submarine at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 24. All the members of the crew were landed at Gibraltar.

The Dirigo was a four-masted sailing ship of 3,000 tons formerly owned by A. Seavall & Co. of Maine but recently sold to C. C. Mengeli Brothers of Louisville, Ky. She sailed from New York on May 3 for Havre in command of Capt. J. A. Urganhart and carried a crew of thirty-one men, nine of whom were American citizens.

The records of the United States Commissioner of Shipping in New York give the following names of the Americans in the crew: Donald E. McDonald, mate, Nova Scotia, naturalized; A. Anderson, second mate, Danish, naturalized; J. M. Ray, third mate, Maryland; Y. Yucasta, engineer, No. 94 Madison Avenue, New York; J. P. Shields, boatswain, New York; A. Winter, seaman, No. 325 State Street, Brooklyn; Harry Barlin, seaman, French, naturalized; Chester Wright, seaman, McAllister, Okla.; J. Trane, seaman, No. 229 West Fifty-second Street, New York.

The Dirigo was insured for \$225,000, her full value. She was enroute to the west coast of Africa for malmagany logs and carried a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$500,000 for an European port.

The Frances M., formerly owned by

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**\$15 Men's Blue Serge Suits, \$9.95**  
The "HUB" Clothing Corner, Broadway, corner Barclay Street (Opp. Woolworth Building), will sell to-day and Saturday, 1,500 men's and young men's Royal Blue Serge Suits, also brown, green, gray and fancy mixed; single or double breasted, pinched or belted backs, slash or patch pockets; very latest models; some silk lined; all sizes. Our special price for to-day and Saturday \$9.95. Open Saturday night till 10. Hub Clothing Store, Broadway, cor. Barclay St.—Advt.

### PRESIDENT IN PROCLAMATION GIVES WARNING TO SLACKERS

WASHINGTON, June 1.—President Wilson to-day issued the following proclamation:

"WHEREAS, the President, in a proclamation issued on the 18th of May, 1917, set apart the 5th day of June, 1917, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M., for the registration of all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and thirty, both inclusive, who may be subject to registration in accordance with the Act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, authorizing the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States;

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby give warning that all persons subject to registration under the provisions of the said Act of Congress and the proclamation of the President, who shall withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States for the purpose of evading such registration, expose themselves on their return to the jurisdiction of the United States to prosecution for such evasion of registration, pursuant to Section 5 of the Act of Congress, approved May 18, 1917, which enacts that 'any person who shall wilfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction in a district court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered.'

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"DONE at the City of Washington the 26th day of May, in Year of Our Lord, 1917, and of the Independence of the United States of America 141. WOODROW WILSON."

### THREE U. S. GRAND JURIES TO INDICT DRAFT PLOTTERS

Wholesale Arrests of Agitators and Dodgers Planned—Students' Cases Postponed.

Three Federal Grand Juries, and more if necessary, will be called to sit simultaneously in New York for the prompt indictment of anti-conscriptionists who defy the law on Registration Day.

Declaring that the Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's office is prepared for all emergencies, even widespread riots, this announcement was made to-day by Assistant United States Attorney Harold A. Content as the chief Government prosecutor in actions against pacifists and anti-draft conspirators. Mr. Content asserted that the Government was only waiting for the actual application of the registration law on June 5 to make wholesale seizures of agitators throughout the city.

Upon the request of the defendants' attorneys, the hearing of Miss Eleanor Wilson Parker, Charles Francis Phillips and Owen Cattell, the three students arrested in an anti-draft conspiracy yesterday, was postponed by United States Commissioner Hitchcock to-day until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Content said this did not signify there would be delay in the prosecution.

Speaking of the preparations of the Department of Justice and the Prosecutor's office, Mr. Content said: "Our legal machinery is in shape for work, which we expect to begin Tuesday. We expect a great number of arrests, not only of Americans who attempt to evade registration but of aliens who attempt to dodge the law. Aliens, even those regarded as enemies, must register. Although the probabilities are they will not be conscripted for military service, the penalty for violating the registration law will be the same as that imposed upon citizens."

The May Grand Jury will probably not be discharged.

"An additional Grand Jury for June will be sworn in on Monday and on

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**DEWEY'S WINNER GRACE ANY TABLE.**  
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### DRAFT SLACKERS WHO FLEE TO AVOID REGISTRY MUST GO TO JAIL IF THEY RETURN

Plotters Who Oppose the Selective Service Plan May Be Accused of Treason, Which Makes Them Liable to the Penalty of Death.

### MANY ARE UNDER ARREST; VIGILANTES ARE SUGGESTED

By Samuel M. Williams.

(Special Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)  
WASHINGTON, June 1.—All young men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one years are practically interned within the United States during their liability for compulsory military service. Barriers were erected around the country's borders to-day by orders of the Government to render ineffective any attempts to escape military duty by flight.

The State Department gave notice that no passports for foreign travel will be issued to men in the prescribed class unless the War Department certifies that it has no objection. There is no specific law forbidding any person from leaving the United States, but world-wide war conditions have made passports necessary before steamships will carry him away or other countries will permit him to enter upon their country. Thus the simple expedient of the State Department withholding passports becomes an effective restraint.

### U. S. MAY FACE GERMANY ALONE," GERARD WARNS

This Situation Likely If Kaiser Wins Present War, or It Ends a Draw.

"The Germans mobilized 5,000,000 men in ten days less the time it would take to mobilize 20,000 men in this country," said Ex-Ambassador Gerard to-day at the luncheon on the Broadway Association at the Hotel Astor.

"Jewelry in Germany never sold so many jewels before the war as since it started," he said, "and while many lose money in war many earn a good deal."

The former Ambassador said Herr Wertheim, owner of the largest department store in Germany, told him his business was better during the war than before. Mr. Gerard's conclusions were that even after two years of war the buying power of the Germans was not curtailed.

He declared it was his belief that the war would last at least two years longer. He urged the saving of food, especially wheat. Mr. Gerard suggested that, in order to save food, the courses be cut down.

"After this war, if Germany is successful or the war is a draw, we may have to face Germany alone," Mr. Gerard declared. "Twelve to thirteen million responded to the call to the colors. One million and a half were killed, 500,000 taken prisoners, 500,000 permanently disabled and 500,000 were wounded."

**PROPOSE \$100 HEAD TAX ON NON-CITIZENS OF U. S.**

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Former Gov. Glynn of New York and former Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston to-day proposed to the Senate Finance Committee a way tax of \$100 on each alien in the United States who has not expressed intention to become an American citizen. They said such a tax would raise \$100,000,000. Aliens who enlisted in the armed forces of the United States would be exempt.

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